

upper and lower surfaces of the polymer matrix are exposed to the surrounding medium. The drug molecules are released from the polymer matrix by diffusion.

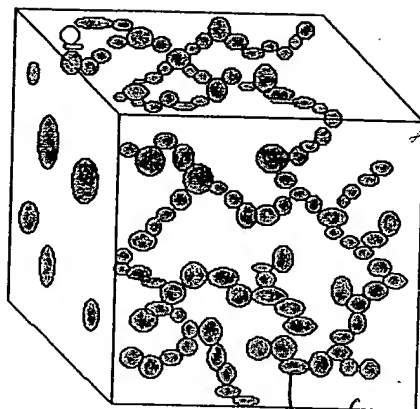


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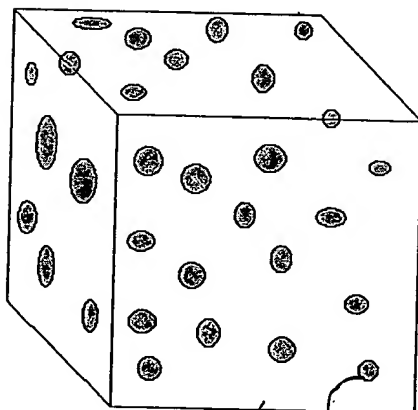


Fig. 1

bulk  
polymer  
drug enriched polymer

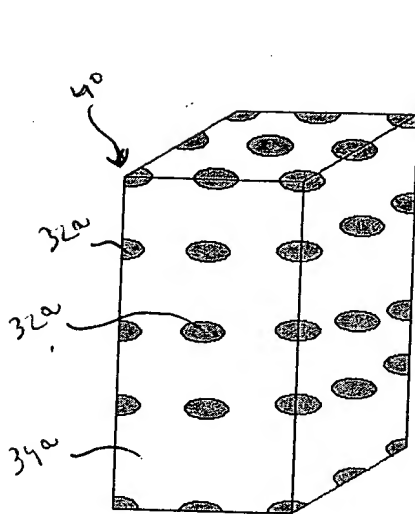


Fig. 3a

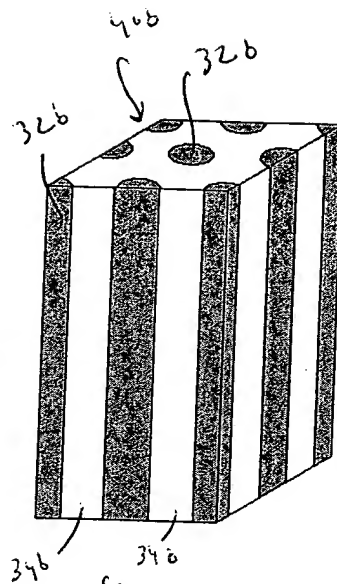


Fig. 3b

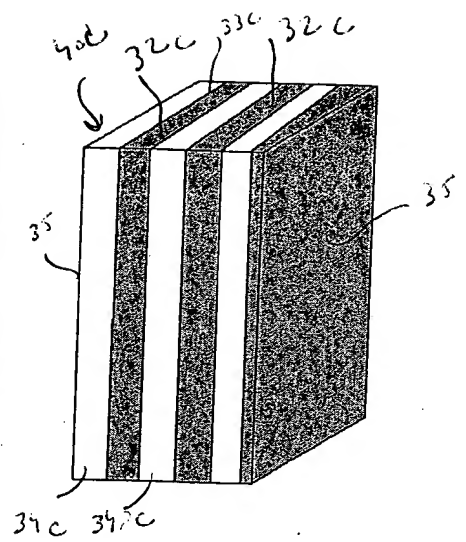


Fig. 3c